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RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Integrated Feasibility Report
West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Study

Dear Colonel Hansen:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Integrated Feasibility Report prepared by the United States (US) Army Corps of Engineers (COE) for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Study for St. Charles, St. John the Baptist and St. James Parishes, Louisiana.

EPA Region 6 provided comments on the Draft EIS (DEIS) dated October 24, 2013. EPA rated the DEIS as "EC-2", i.e., EPA had "Environmental Concerns to the Proposed Actions and Requested Additional Information." EPA is pleased that the FEIS includes additional analysis of the proposed action to address our concerns. We have no additional comments and look forward to the receipt of the Record of Decision (ROD) document.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FEIS. If you have any questions about the 309 Review Process, please contact Michael Jansky, of my staff, at (214) 665-7451 or by e-mail at jansky.michael@epa.gov for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marie Stucky", is positioned above the typed name.

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